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FILE: [REDACTED]

Office: Miami (Tampa)

Date: MAR 22 2000

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Permanent Residence Pursuant to Section 1 of the Cuban Adjustment Act of November 2, 1966 (P.L. 89-732)

IN BEHALF OF APPLICANT: Self-represented

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INSTRUCTIONS:

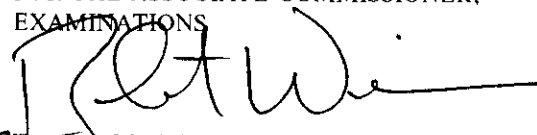
This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

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Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,
EXAMINATIONS


Peter M. O'Reilly, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the District Director, Miami, Florida, who certified his decision to the Associate Commissioner, Examinations, for review. The district director's decision will be affirmed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of [REDACTED] who filed this application for adjustment of status to that of a lawful permanent resident under section 1 of the Cuban Adjustment Act of November 2, 1966. This Act provides for the adjustment of status of any alien who is a native or citizen of [REDACTED] and who has been inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States subsequent to January 1, 1959, and has been physically present in the United States for at least one year, to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if the alien is eligible to receive an immigrant visa and is admissible to the United States for permanent residence.

The district director determined that the applicant was ineligible for adjustment of status because he was amenable to deportation under section 237(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)(B)(i). The district director, therefore, denied the application.

The applicant has provided no statement or additional evidence on notice of certification.

Section 212(a)(2) of the Act provides that aliens inadmissible and ineligible to receive visas and ineligible to be admitted to the United States include:

(A)(i) Any alien convicted of, or who admits having committed, or who admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of --

(II) a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any law or regulation of a State, the United States, or a foreign country relating to a controlled substance (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 802).

(C) Any alien who the consular officer or immigration officer knows or has reason to believe is or has been an illicit trafficker in any such controlled substance or is or has been a knowing assister, abettor, conspirator, or colluder with others in the illicit trafficking in any such controlled substance, is inadmissible.

The record reflects that on June 15, 1982, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, the applicant was convicted of importation of marijuana into the United States. He was sentenced to 30 months confinement followed by special parole term of 2 years. The United States Parole Commission released the

applicant from confinement and he was paroled on May 30, 1983. On June 13, 1983, an immigration judge ordered the applicant excluded and deported from the United States.

The director, after referring to the applicant's conviction, concluded that the applicant is amenable to deportation (removal) under section 237(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Act based on his conviction. The record, however, reflects that the applicant was paroled into the United States on May 20, 1980 pursuant to section 212(d)(5) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 212(d)(5). It has been held in Matter of Torres, 19 I&N Dec. 371 (BIA 1986), that an alien paroled into the United States pursuant to section 212(d)(5) of the Act remains subject to exclusion proceedings (inadmissibility) pursuant to sections 235 and 236 of the Act. Section 212(d)(5) specifically states that an alien paroled into the United States pursuant to that section must be dealt with as any other applicant for admission upon termination of the parole. See also Matter of Badalamenti, 19 I&N Dec. 623 (BIA 1988); Matter of Ching and Chen, 19 I&N Dec. 203 (BIA 1984).

Therefore, the applicant is inadmissible to the United States pursuant to sections 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) and 212(a)(2)(C) of the Act based on his conviction of importation (trafficking) of marijuana. There is no waiver available to an alien found inadmissible under these sections except for a single offense of simple possession of thirty grams or less of marijuana. The applicant does not qualify under this exception.

The applicant is ineligible for adjustment of status to permanent resident pursuant to section 1 of the Act of November 2, 1966. The decision of the district director to deny the application will be affirmed.

ORDER: The district director's decision is affirmed.